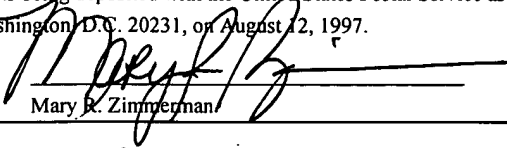


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the following amendments are respectfully requested.